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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 20, 2005

TO: All Circuit, Probate, and District Court Judges
cc: Court Administrators
Probate Registers
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FROM: Glen Hyatt and Dawn Childress

RE: Undeliverable Juror Questionnaires

The jury source list that the Secretary of State provides to courts currently contains only residential addresses of potential jurors. This is a problem in jurisdictions where a significant number of potential jurors do not, or cannot, receive mail at their residential address. Secretary of State data indicate that the number of residents who list a mailing address different from their residential address¹ ranges among counties from 1 percent to 56 percent. In those jurisdictions with a high percentage of mailing addresses that are different from residential addresses, courts are forced to incur the added expense of mailing out additional juror questionnaires. The composition of the jury pools may also be skewed in those jurisdictions.

Although the Secretary of State collects a person's mailing address on driver licenses and state identification cards, it has never been included in the jury source list information. One proposed solution to this problem is to include both the residential address and any other mailing address on the jury source list provided by the Secretary of State.

The State Court Administrative Office and Judicial Information Systems are interested in your input on this issue, including determining how a jury source list that incorporates both mailing addresses and residential addresses would impact your local jury process and its automation. Please contact Glen Hyatt at hyattg@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-8777 or Dawn Childress at childressd@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-3756 by April 1, 2006, if you wish to comment on this proposal.

¹ The majority of residents who list a mailing address other than their residential address use a post office box to receive mail.